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**§1151. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON WOMEN VETERANS**

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**1. Establishment.** The Advisory Commission on Women Veterans, as established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5-B and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall act as an advisory commission to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans. The commission shall also serve as a liaison between women veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center at Togus.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**2. Membership.** The commission is composed of no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 members, all of whom must be women veterans, to be appointed by the Adjutant General.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**3. Chair.** The commission shall elect a chair from among its members.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**4. Terms of office.** The term of office of a member is 3 years.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**5. Compensation.** Members of the commission are entitled to be reimbursed for their expenses.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**6. Staff assistance.** The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall provide assistance to the commission in the conduct of its business.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**7. Meetings.** The commission shall meet at least 3 times a year.

[ 1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW) . ]

**8. Duties.** The duties of the commission are to:

A. Advise the Maine Women Veterans Coordinator and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on issues affecting women veterans. [2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §1 (AMD) . ]

B. [2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §1 (RP).]

[ 2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §1 (AMD) .]

**9. Maine Women Veterans Coordinator.** The Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services shall contract for a Maine Women Veterans Coordinator, referred to in this section as "the coordinator." The coordinator shall serve as a liaison to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management on behalf of women veterans. The coordinator shall represent women veterans and communicate issues related to women veterans, including issues presented by the commission, to the United States Veterans Administration and state, regional and national veterans organizations or working groups. The coordinator shall engage in activities that disseminate information to women veterans in the State regarding available federal and state services intended to serve veterans generally and women veterans specifically. The contract may include the costs of conference fees, lodging and professional membership fees for the coordinator directly related to the duties described in this subsection. The coordinator shall submit an annual report to the director as determined by the director.

[ 2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §2 (NEW) .]

**10. Fund created.** The Fund for Women Veterans is established and is administered by the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services for the purpose of reimbursing members of the commission for expenses directly related to their duties under subsection 8, including biannual conference attendance fees and lodging fees associated with a conference. The fund may also be used to pay the contracted services of the coordinator. The fund is a dedicated, nonlapsing fund. The director shall submit a report by January 15th annually on the work of the coordinator and commission including an accounting of expenditures of the fund to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs.

[ 2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §2 (NEW) .]

**11. Repeal.** This section is repealed June 30, 2015.

[ 2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §2 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 742, §2 (NEW). 2011, c. 380, Pt. LLLL, §§1, 2 (AMD).

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